



Sept. 20, 2006

Dear ER CAPS Community:

You are invited to attend the Eastern Region Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey meeting scheduled for November 14-16 in Raleigh, North Carolina. The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Raleigh Capital Center Hotel.

Currently, the ER CAPS Committee is putting the finishing touches on the agenda, which has many of the topics that were submitted by SSCs, PSSs, SPROs and SPHDs. Although the agenda is not yet finalized, I am excited to say that I think that we have put together a meeting that will be of interest to all attendees. We are continuing to work hard at developing panel and breakout sessions on a number of important topics that we hope will inform as well as stimulate discussion.

Meeting Registration:

Please register on-line by October 19, 2006 at:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/ppq/meetings/caps/>

There is not a registration fee.

Hotel Information:

A block of rooms has been reserved for November 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th at:

Sheraton Raleigh Capital Center Hotel
421 South Salisbury Street
Raleigh, NC 27601
919-834-9900

Website: <http://www.starwoodhotels.com/sheraton/property/overview/index.html?propertyID=434>

*****The meeting will start at 8:00am on Nov. 14th and end at noon on Nov. 16th.*****

Rooms are held under the group name "USDA CAPS" at a rate of \$73.00 per night and must be booked by October 19th, 2006. Parking is \$8/day for lodging guests and meeting attendees.

Show off your outreach material!!!!

We will have tables set up for you to display your outreach material. If you have something that you would like to display you can either bring it with you or send it to the Eastern Regional Office (c/o Davis Abner) prior to the meeting and we will set it up for you. The purpose behind the display tables is for people to see examples of what is working in other states so that they can apply your ideas to their state, so please bring enough material to share.

Sincerely,

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